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# NO CHANGE IN WRA POLICY-MEYER

## DISPATCH INTERVIEWS NEW NATIONAL CHIEF

In an interview with the Tulean Dispatch, Dillon Meyer, who succeeds Milton S. Eisenhower as national director of the War Relocation Authority, declared that the change of director will not affect the organization or its policy unless such a change is considered necessary from the national standpoint. Meyer was in Tule Lake last weekend on his tour of the west coast relocation centers.

Some of the questions asked by the Tulean Dispatch and Meyer's answers follow:

Q: Is it the policy of the W.R.A. to have the Project enterprises under Japanese hand?

A: Yes. Mr. Shirrell will be able to supervise and encourage any such undertakings.

Q: How far can Japanese go in initiating cooperative movement. Both consumer and producer cooperatives?

A: It will depend on facilities and experience. Some restraint will be considered under governmental supervision.

Q: Has the W.R.A. considered rehabilitation of the Japanese colonists after the war?

A: It is still in formative stage. No detail has ever been planned by the W.R.A., but it will assume responsibility for such a move. If it is feasible after the war, employment by the U.S. government and some small movement for rehabilitation may be considered.

Q: Does the W.R.A. approve of the student relocation plan?

A: Very much so. A list of approved colleges may be increased to permit as many students as possible to continue their education.



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## TOTAL COLONISTS, 9166: 'WHITE ZONE' MEN NEXT



### NEW DIRECTOR

Elmer L. Shirrell who was acting project director, was officially appointed Director of the Tule Lake project by Dillon S. Meyer, newly-appointed national director of W.R.A., with recommendation from former director Rachford.

Shirrell, a native of Santa Barbara, is 52 years old, and was in the publishing business, working for Doubleday Doran & Co. before taking over the W.R.A. job April 15. Spending a week in Parker, Ariz., the director has been in Tule Lake since April 23.

A U.C. graduate, majoring in political science, Shirrell has been in educational activities since his graduation in 1914. He was in the World War as sergeant of the 364th Infantry, 91st Division, of the A.E.F.

With the latest arrivals from Salinas, Montana, and Idaho entering the Tule Lake Relocation Center over the Fourth of July week-end, the total population was boosted to a new high of 9,166 residents.

The next influx of evacuees will take place from the Military No. 2 zone, surrounding Marysville, starting the 10th of this month and the Center's roster of residents is expected to be increased by approximately 1,800 persons with the arrival of the contingent.

Beginning July 16, 4,800 residents of the Pinedale Assembly Center will transfer to this Center. Approximately 10 days will require completion of this movement.

### EX-STATE WORKERS TO MEET AT ONCE

All former California State employees, who are being represented by James C. Purcell, San Francisco attorney in their present action to safeguard their civil service status against the charges of the State Personnel Board, are requested to see either Shiro Miyamoto (3213-B) or Dave Okada (3206-A) at once.

### NOTIFY TULE LAKE

### ADDRESS TO YOUR BANK

Colonists are asked to notify their respective banks of new addresses.



## ACT PROMPTLY, PLEASE

From time to time we need to re-examine ourselves. Self-criticism is the fundamental basis for personal development and social amelioration.

One of the stark inconsistencies we come across everyday on the Colony ground is the way the residents show complete cooperation on the vital interest of the Project as a whole on one hand, and on the other, their complete lack of social consciousness when they go about collecting scrap lumber in the yard.

Their attitude and conduct in mess-halls and their spirit of helpfulness on matters affecting their blocks and neighbors have already won sincere commendation from the administration office.

But their conduct and manifestation of rugged individualism at the scrap lumber yard is anti-social to say the least. It is sickening to watch them "go to town" like a pack of wolves go after prey.

It is hard to imagine that a group of Japanese people could be so selfish and so forgetful of their dignity as they do in the lumber yard. But the scene is repeated day after day.

Students of social pathology call it mass psychology. But this is no time for an editorial writer to discuss the situation disinterestedly. It is a subject for the Community Council to take immediate action in cooperation with block managers.

H.M.I.

### TO THE EDITOR:

Here is a "gripe". Although this incident is only going on in our mess, I decided to put it to you. The so-called "higher-ups" seem to neglect or avoid that NO SMOKING sign. I notice that the man who is smoking is either a warden, block manager or the block delegate.

I don't think they have been granted special privileges. Let's either enforce the rule or tear down the signs.

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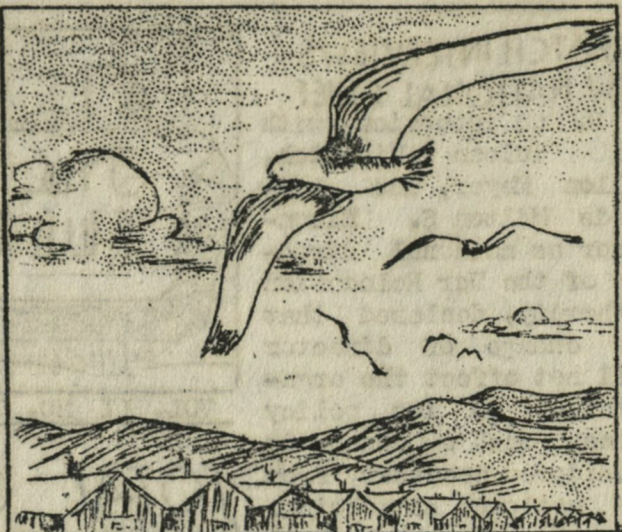
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## SYMBOL OF TRUST

We are faced by the task of rebuilding a single settlement from the people of many diverse communities. The selected leaders are now leading the people from a loosely-knit community to newly established order of peace and harmony.

The soaring of the seagulls in the sky over the colony fills our hearts with strange fascination and unexplainable curiosity. We know the life of the past had tinge of complacency and leisure. Omen of hope, faith, and courage for the Mormon pioneer leader in Utah, Brigham Young, was characterized by seagulls. Starvation was a threatening the existence of the colony by the inevitable destruction of the wheat crop by the onrush of the dreaded locusts. Hope was dimmed by continuous hardship and bad luck; they were losing faith in Brigham Young, and their courage was fast failing under relentless pressure of their desire to move on. The strange and timely appearance of the flock of seagulls saved the Mormon colonists from total failure in colonization.

Like these Mormon settlers, we in Tule Lake are also facing the question of success or failure in attaining peace in our community. Entrusted in the hands of our leaders is the task of building concrete and everlasting harmony. Seagulls give trend to thoughts of Mormon's faith in their leader.

Stories may be written about many miracles but miracle is not availing unless we cast away our dislike and distrust for each other. Our hope lies in trust and tolerance in the future, faith in leaders and courage to stand the test and trials.

Seagulls which daily glide gracefully over many rows of barracks in the Center is a constant reminder of this hope and faith.

S.S.



# 'SPLENDID' 4TH SHOW

"Splendid!" was the consensus of reaction of the white staff to the Fourth of July program held here Saturday. Project Director Shirrell:

"I thought it was a very nice program. The only disappointment was that the flag pole wasn't high enough, but a longer one is being made to be put in the middle of the fire break."

Assistant Director Hayes:

"I thought the Fourth of July program was splendid. A fine demonstration of spirit of American citizenship, which is prevalent in this Colony. The entertainment was well carried out and we are indeed fortunate in having a fine collection of talents."

Ted Waller, Community Activity Supervisor:

"The work of the Volunteer Committees and the Community Activities staff was very excellent. The results of this work was the finest community program that I ever had an opportunity to participate in."

## CAPACITY CROWD ENJOYS SHIN-DIG

Both dance pavilions, #720 and #820, were filled to a capacity at the shin-dig which climaxed the gigantic Fourth of July celebration.

The committee in charge of the dance included Chie Aoki, Perry Saito, and Paul Takahashi. Takahashi and Jimmy Hashimoto were emcees and music was provided by Ray Nakamoto, Shig Aoki, and Shiro Kunematsu who provided the musical equipment.



Every resident in the Colony had about two bottles of soda pop and a half-cup of ice cream on the Fourth of July on the basis of these refreshments sold at the Community stores.

In half-day's time, the two stores in the Colony sold 700 cases of soda pop (16,800 bottles) and 400 dozens of ice cream (4800 cups).

## SCOUTS LEND PATRIOTIC COLOR, SHIRRELL TALKS

Under the misty gray ceiling that was the Saturday morning sky, Colony residents assembled in the central firebreak to join in on the nationwide observance of the Independence day.

The audience joined the choir in the chorus of God Bless America and the presence of the local Boy Scout troops lent color to the ceremony.

"America today fights for one principle for which men of the 13 colonies fought - the right to be free," Elmer Shirrell.

ell, project director, told the evening assemblage of estimated 8000.

"We fight for our own right to be free from tyranny and we fight for the rights of other people to be free. Our cause is just, our people are united and we shall continue to fight in hand with other peoples of the world who believes as we do."

"We are rich in natural resources, in wisdom and skill, and we shall prevail", declared Shirrell.

## VARIETY SHOW A HIT

Late Summer sun dipped into the western hills as the Colony's first variety show shimmered and faded into history last Saturday. A starstudded program attracted more than 8000 to the main firebreak and none went home until the final show was over.

Vocal soloists Sumiko Takemoto and Riki Matsufuji and the Royal Hawaiian string ensemble with the pretty Sextette kept the audience at the edge of their seats with their renditions of sentimental popular songs.

"Shizuko" Inoue, Hikue Noguchi and Sachiko Hori

offered a few numbers of Japanese classical dancing much to the delight of Issei's asthetic eyes.

In the vein of sweetness and lightness Kumiko Nakamura played the violin to the accompaniment of Helen Nitta and won the hearts of many Tuleans.

Tad Kitazumi and his magic harmonica, Emerick Ishikawa and his weight lifting company, semi-acrobatic dancing of Lucille Tanaka, accordion duet of Naoko Saito and Frank Iwase, and the Mexican hat dance by Pearl Mayeda and Yukio Yamada contributed to the success of the evening.



## Diet Stations For Kids Open

Dining halls #820 and #920 were opened Wednesday, July 8 for the benefit of special patients such as diabetics, ulcer cases, etc.

Children's Diet Stations are being established for children up to 2 years of age. The stations will be established in the following dining halls: #520, #1420, #1720, #2620, #2920, #3820, #820, #1120, #2020, #2320, #3220, #3320, #4120, #4420, #4720, #5020, #5520, #5820, #6720, #7020, and #7320.

Nourishment hours are from 10 to 10:30 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Every child who attends must be accompanied by their mothers.

The following is the list of food to be served: Canned pureed food--to children between three months to 18 months of age; chopped food--to children between 18 months to 2 years. Canned evaporated milk will be furnished to older babies up to two years of age. Daily supplies of eggs, orange juice (canned or fresh) fresh apples and other fruits will be available in each of the Children's Diet Stations.

All mothers are asked to cooperate with the two dieticians who will preside in each dining hall. Mothers are asked to help with the preparing of food, washing of dishes, and getting the children to the dining halls on time.

### RED CROSS TRAINING CLASS TO OPEN HERE

All persons with Red Cross First Aid Training are requested to register at #1808 with Cosma Sakamoto.

## WRITERS TO FORM LITERARY GROUP

Sketch artists, short story writers, poets, feature writers, and other literary-minded persons interested in creative writing are encouraged to contribute to "The Temple", a monthly literary magazine now under organization within the Adult Education department. Those interested may contact G. Nakamura in #1808.

## HONOR COOKS

To give the kitchen crew at block #15 a vacation on the Fourth of July, members from that block joined forces and prepared and served a feast in their honor.

Welcome speeches were given by Tommy Ogura and Mr. Watanaabe. Guests included members of the administrative staff and the dining hall crew.

## DRAFT PAPER FOR I. FUKUSHIMA HERE

A Selective Service questionnaire addressed to Isami Fukushima of Weimar, Calif. has been received at the office of The Tulean Dispatch. He or anyone who knows of his whereabouts is requested to call at the newspaper office #1808.

## WALERGANS MAY GET TOOLS BACK

Former Walergans who turned in their knives, flashlights, and hatchets while in the assembly center, will now be able to call for their tools at #1808, it was announced by Internal Security Agent Jacoby.

## REMAKING AN ANGEL

A drunkard, ruffian-- the scum of the earth.

He was that kind of a guy. It was a rare occasion when he looked sober and was in his carpenter shop on L Street making cabinets and tables. He used to make good ones when he made them, however. Perhaps it was too much to ask him to stay in his shop with tools in his hand--the people in Sacramento used to say--when he had nothing but wine, sake, and whiskey under his belt.

Having little money in his pocket, he mooched on his friends, both food and drinks. The day after he had any cash in his pocket, his friends knew where they could find him. He was usually in jail as an aftermath of drunken brawl. Several scars on his face are the holdover from these long years of delinquent life.

He is here with us in this Colony--a new man--

the one and only Enjiro Kodani, the man whom the people used to kid by calling "Hi, Angel!" Now he sleeps between two clean sheets. (Makes me think of my mother," he whispers.) Eats plenty. ("I feel like a 20-year old boy," he laughs.) Most of his waking hours Enjiro spends his time before his little private table that he had made out of scrap lumber in the Recreation Hall at #1808, doing a neat job of painting signs and making all kinds of paraphernalia used in recreation. The small things that made the Fourth of July program here colorful came out of Enjiro's brushes and knives.

"When I return to Sacramento," he confides to his friends, "I'm going to be a Kurisuchan." \*

The people who know him watch with amazement the new "Angel" at work.

\* Christian.



## FIRE SAFETY TEAMS TO PROTECT HOMES

To insure our community from any fire hazards, a team of fire safety wardens will be organized along with a group of volunteer demonstrators. These persons will work with Ernest Rhoads, Chief of Fire Protection and Safety, and Harold S. Jacoby, Chief of Internal Security.

Fifteen workers will be placed on full time basis as fire wardens who in turn will appoint volunteers to be on the alert in every four blocks.

## ITANO LEAVES FOR ST. LOUIS

Harvey Itano, 5104-C, abruptly left the Colony for the University of St. Louis School of Medicine on July 4 when he was issued a travel permit from the Army.

Upon graduation from the University of California this May, Itano was conferred the University Medalist award, the highest distinction conferred upon a graduating student.

BANK DAY FRIDAY  
10-12 and 1-3

## HOSPITAL STAFF PICKED

Professional personnel of the Tule Lake Base Hospital was increased to 12 physicians at the end of June.

The latest additions to the staff include three physicians from Marysville Assembly Center: Drs. Shigeo Hama, Masa Atsu Harada, and George Kanbara in addition to the following physicians already assigned: Drs. Taro Akamatsu, George Uoi, Masayoshi Ito, Jiro Murakito, Masa Seto, Iwao Sugiyama, Hajime Uyeyama, and Tetsui Watanabe.

TWO INTERNES are Masanichi Suzuki and Edwin Nishimura.

REGISTERED NURSES now total seven when Miy Kanbara and Katsumi Ogawa reported for duty. Marguerite Igarashi, May Asai, Kiyo Kobayashi, Tsuya Kubota, and Nobuko Yamada round out the staff of Registered Nurses.

DENTAL OFFICE and laboratory will become one of the active departments in the hospital when the following 11 dentists will be working in schedules: Drs. Yoshizo Harada, Akio Hayashi, Masao Honda, Charles Ishizu,

Goichi "Joe" Kawahara, Koki Kuranoto, Gore Miramoto, Uichi Sagan, T. Sato, Tetsuo Sugahiro, and Kiyoshi Tsuda.

REGISTERED PHARMACISTS were given assignment to positions in the pharmacies to date and the schedules will allow each one an opportunity to serve. They are Saburo Hamai, Takeo Hashimoto, George Hisatomi, Ichiro Ishii, Chiyoko Iwasaki, Kazuo Kimura, Fred M. Cuy, Harold H. Cuy, Yoneo Suzuki, Gec. Takagi, Hiroshi Takamoto, and Shinji Kosasa.

TWO AMBULANCES and a hospital car are available to handle almost any emergency. While the hospital is not fully equipped, it is nevertheless in a position to handle nearly all medical and surgical emergencies, it was said.

When a house call must be requested, the individual making the phone call should know all about the patient's condition, so that the answering doctor can advise proper immediate action and be prepared for the specific treatment indicated for that case, hospital officers advised.

## Colony Forum Topic Chosen

"Nisei Citizenship: How Can We Preserve It?" This controversial question of vital importance will be the topic of the Community Forum to be held on July 13 from 8:15 p.m. at the outdoor platform.

With the Native Sons and Daughters, taking a stand to deprive the Nisei of the rights and privileges which is rightfully theirs, this meeting is expected to attract more than 5000 interested colonists.

Ed Ferguson, W. R. A. regional attorney; Tetsu Shibutani, U. C. varsity debater; and Harry Mayeda, assistant supervisor of activities, will express their views on this perplexing question of the Nisei. Moderator for the evening will be Dave Okada.

Speakers will be limited to 10 minutes each and after their speeches, audience participation will follow. The audience is requested to direct their questions at a specific speaker.

Ted Shigano will be in charge of general arrangements. The steering committee will meet on Wednesday, July 8, from 7:15 p.m. at the library to arrange details.

## GIRLS INVITED TO JOIN "RESERVES"

For girls who want recreational fun, fellowship, and culture, an invitation to join a branch of the National Girl Reserves was issued this week. It will be open to girls between the ages of 12 and 14 for the junior high division and 15 and 18 for the senior high group. Elaine Ishikawa is organizer. Sign ups will be taken at #1808, in the Recreational building.



# NEW LEAGUES SET

Ball games Saturday afternoon and night will raise the curtain for the new softball season. A schedule has been drawn up for two Senior men's leagues, American and National, and one Junior League.

Teams in the American League are: Isleton, Pick-Up, Monte Carlo, Spark Plug, Royal Flushers, 49'rs, Salem, Scrubs, Club 1400, Violets, Pensioners, Bums, and Clarksburg Levis.

In the National League the following teams are competing: Arboga Bachelors, Trojans, Pee Wee, Blitzers, Yogores, Ubangis, Wolves, Zoets, Double Shuffle, Arbogans, California All-Stars, Oregonians, Longview, and Bears.

Junior teams are: Gaols, Deltans, Isletons, Tulalake Cubs, Washington Termites, Salem Juniors, Panthers, Sacramento Termites, California-Washington Termites, Walerga All Shots, Florin Skippers, and Eight Balls.

The girls' are not completely organized as yet but sixteen teams have entered to date. More married men's teams are needed to form a schedule.

American League teams will play on Sundays and Thursdays, the National on Saturdays and Wednesdays, the Juniors on Mondays and Fridays, and the girls on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

## SPORTS

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### NO. 1

Florence Kato won the distinction of being the first woman recreation leader. She will handle all activities for girls and at present her duties are in forming the softball league.

Mrs. Kato held the position of girls' leader in Walerga.

### HARDBALL SUNDAY

League play in hardball gets underway this coming Sunday afternoon.

A meeting to be held Thursday in 1408 at 7:30 p.m. will determine who will play. Captains and managers are requested to bring the team roster with them.

### INTER WARD RELAY CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON JULY 26

#### THREE DIVISIONS FOR COMPETITORS

An Inter-ward Relay Carnival featuring dashes, sprints, relays, and other field events is scheduled for Sunday, July 26. Tentative plans are to divide entrants into three classes, A, B, and C, and the divisions will be made in such a manner that the competitors will be equal.

The following persons have been selected to receive applications of the track men: Ward 1, Kay Otsugi, 1401 B; Ward 2, Jack Oshita, 2913 A; Ward 3, Jimmy Hashimoto, 3518 C; and Ward 4, Mas Yamasaki, 2018 A.

Class "A" events are: Dashes---60, 100, 220; Sprints---440, 660, 880; Field Events---broad jump, hop-step-and-jump, high jump, 8# and 12# shot put, football throw; Relays---440, 880, medley, shot put.

Class "B" events are: Dashes---50, 100, 220; Field Events---broad jump, high jump, 8# shot put; Relays---200, 440, 880, medley, shot put.

Class "C" events are: Dashes---50, 75, Field Events---broad jump, high jump; Relays---200, 440.

One person will be limited to three events and a relay.

## WARD 4 WINS TOURNEY

Star studded Ward 4 softballers were crowned champions of the July 4 tournament by a close 7-5 decision over the Ward 1 contingent. With Beans Yamamoto chucking his second game of the day, the winners got off to an early start when they touched chucker Yamiyasu for three runs in the second. Ward 1's rally in the last inning fell short as they tallied three digits.

Batteries: Yamamoto & Hayashida, Tamiyasu and Tamiyasu, Kurita.

Ward 4 earned the right to enter the finals of the tourney by virtue of their 3-1 victory over the erratic Ward 3 entry, while Ward 1 slugged their way to a 10-5 win over the Ward 2 all-stars.



Orchids to Mesdames Kawauchi, Hirabayashi, Sakamoto, and others who contributed to make the Fourth of July field day a success.

Entry deadline for girls' softball is Saturday, June 11. Applicants are to sign at #1808.

## RESULTS OF GIRLS-GAMES

In the exhibition girls' game the Isleton Screwballs pounded their way to a 20-3 win over the hapless Skawas. Although the game was close until the fourth, the winners' five runs each in the last three frames cinched the victory.

The other girls' games saw the powerful Hit and Run crush the Salem ten by an overwhelming 40-2 count. Alice Ikeda pitched a fine game for the win.